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Shanghai Municipal Council.

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Sir,

It is reported that the rebel leader Nyeu Tih Sung 俞铁生 is recruiting in Minghong and is being assisted by one Sung Pao Nyi 沈宝义 alias Sung Siau Me 沈小珠 Chief of the Salt Smuggling Prevention Force in that place.

The rebels are trying to induce the Woosung garrison to join them but have been unsuccessful so far.

It is reported in rebel circles that Kiangyin will send troops to attack Woosung.

With reference to the report of 18th instant regarding a Chapei Police Inspector who absconded from his post, it is now said that he received \$20,000 from the rebels to buy over the Chapei Police but instead of doing so, ran away with the money.

It is reported that there is considerable difference of opinion among the rebels here who are breaking up into several parties. Nyeu Tih Sung has sent a letter to all leaders exhorting them to remain united and not to take any action until they receive orders from the proper authority.

It is reported that Kading will soon declare independence.

It is reported that two young Chinese dressed in foreign clothes were arrested by the Arsenal authorities on 17th instant in possession of bombs and pistols.

It is reported that five hundred soldiers arrived from Nanking in Wusieh on 18th instant.

Fourteen boxes of ammunition were sent to Sungkiang from the Arsenal yesterday afternoon by the Shanghai Hangchow Railway.

It is reported that Tang Shao Yi and Wu Ting Fang have been telegraphically requested by Yuan Shih Kai to proceed to Peking and assist in forming the national assembly.

It is reported that the pistols which were handed to the rebels on 17th instant have not all been returned to the rebel headquarters. The leaders are making an effort to get them.



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About 8.45 p.m. 18th instant a bomb explosion took place near the Ningpo Guild in Frenchtown. The explosion occurred on the street, nobody was injured.

On the morning of April 18th a coolie in the employ of the French P.W.D. working on the Yang King Pang Road discovered a bomb which he struck with his pick causing it to explode. He was taken to Hospital suffering from injuries to his face and hands. The bomb shell is similar in size and appearance to that of the bomb which exploded on the night of April 17th in Pah Sien Jao district killing the person who was handling it.

Your Obedient Servant,

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Captain Superintendent of Police.

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